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APPARATUS, INFORMATION :  
RECORDING APPARATUS, :  
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INFORMATION REPRODUCING :  
METHOD AND INFORMATION :  
RECORDING METHOD USED :  
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DUCTION AND RECORDING :  
UTILIZING NEAR-FIELD :  
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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated March 22,  
2004, applicants amend their application as follows:

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